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Commissioner for Patents
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Conf. No. 8378
Art Unit: 1634
Examiner: J.S. Sitton

Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/667,188 filed September 21, 2000
Inventors: Scott E. ANDERSEN *et al.*
Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants
Atty. Dkt: 16517.293/38-21(51464)B/US

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) are the following documents:

1. Amendment; and
2. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing docket number 16517.293. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures



In re Patent Application of:

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Amendment

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Sir:

Applicants hereby request entry of the following amendment in the above-captioned application.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this Amendment.